

RAB Interview - Stanley Tyler

Why did you want to become involved with RAB?

I joined the RAB because I was concerned about the contamination to the water supply and why there was a need for so many monitoring wells at Dunn Field. If the water supply is threatened, I wanted to know about what was going on throughout my neighborhood at Dunn Field. I felt as though I owed the neighborhood my help and assistance on this issue. People still take pride in their neighborhood. This is a hard-working, honest, Christian, tax-paying, home-owning neighborhood. I also joined the RAB to know the truth about the level of contamination in our water supply and to voice my opinion that the mustard gas buried at Dunn Field should be removed in a safe, orderly fashion with public notice about emergency procedures and worst-case scenario contingency plans. I'd like to thank my employer, the University of Tennessee, and my supervisor, Ms. Mary Nease, and her assistant, Ms. Carolyn Mixon, for supporting my efforts as a community RAB member.

What would you like to see the community doing towards the cleanup efforts at the Depot?

I would like all information in the Information Repositories put on the Depot website. Senior citizens, other taxpayers and homeowners who don't have time to come to RAB meetings can get on the Internet and read information about the cleanup efforts at the Depot and have their questions and comments heard via e-mail. All cleanup notices and processes should be posted on the Internet and updated regularly. If knowledge is power, then information is fuel and the Internet is the information super highway!

In your opinion, how will the community benefit from the cleanup activities at the Depot?

The cleanup will restore trust and confidence in the Depot community, if it is done properly and above EPA standards. It is the government's and the Depot's responsibility to make every effort to ensure that the Depot is clean, safe and that possible future contamination is prevented. Also, the history of the Depot has not been one of openness and truthfulness about what was stored, buried or dumped specifically in Dunn Field.

How is the RAB functioning? What is its value to the community?

Being a new member, it is my opinion that we have devoted and dedicated individuals on the RAB. We sometimes may not see eye-to-eye, but we are concerned about the greater good of the community and health concerns of the community and former workers. □

The opinions of the RAB member interviewed do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the RAB or the Defense Logistics Agency.

Stanley Tyler checks out the new Depot website in the Information Repository located at Building 144 of the Main Installation. We thank Mr. Tyler for his assistance in the development of the website.



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state environmental criteria are met. Together, using scientific risk assessment calculations, the BRAC Cleanup Team will work to determine the cleanup objectives for concentrations of compounds requiring action.

On a site-specific basis, these cleanup levels will be verified through soil sampling as the cleanup progresses. Once the cleanup levels are met, the property may be found suitable for transfer. EPA must agree that the cleanup levels have been met and that the property is suitable for transfer.

Q: How will you protect the neighboring community during the removal of chemical warfare materiel (CMW) at Dunn Field?

A: Prior to any CWM removal work at Dunn Field, the Army Corps of Engineers must prepare a Site Safety Submission as part of the planning and coordination process. This document is a plan that details the steps necessary to ensure the safety of the surrounding neighborhood, the Memphis community and the workers involved in the removal of CWM.

It also outlines roles and support functions to be provided by the Local Emergency Response Management Team (hospitals, doctors, fire, police and ambulance services), so that a priority is placed on the safety of our neighbors.

After the Site Safety Submission has been approved by the Department of Army, the Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board and the Department of Health and Human Services, the plan will be available to the community for review in mid-2000. □